



## **CITY OF HARTFORD ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FOOD POLICY**

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### **PRESS RELEASE (For Immediate Release)**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Food Security Award: Call for Nominees**

The Hartford Food Policy Commission is calling for nominees for the 2004 Community Food Security Awards. Three award recipients will be selected and honored at an award ceremony on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hartford Club. The deadline for nominations is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Community Food Security Award recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate successful strategies that improve access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food. Nominees might include food security advocates, community organizers, educators, planners, nutrition and health providers, food retailers, as well as farmers.

"This is a wonderful way to recognize individuals and organizations that are working to improve access to food, increase food availability, and raise awareness of food and hunger issues in Greater Hartford," said the President of Foodshare, Gloria McAdam.

Past recipients of the Community Food Security Award include the head of the soup kitchen and culinary programs at the House of Bread, the executive chef of the Hartford Club, and a nutrition educator with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program of UConn Cooperative Extension.



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The Community Food Security Award is a way to remind the public that many of the challenges we face in terms of hunger, increasing child obesity, lack of supermarkets in certain neighborhoods, threats to public transportation access, and even limited opportunities to grow one's own food are all challenges that we need to tackle together as a community.

"This is the third time the Hartford Food Policy Commission has used these awards to celebrate heroes who work passionately toward making Hartford a healthier community," stated Lola Elliot-Hugh, Hartford Food Policy Commission Chair.

The Hartford Food Policy Commission will accept nominees in the following three categories: individual, for-profit organization/business and non-profit organization/public service/government agency. Nomination forms can be requested from Jiff Martin at Hartford Food System, 860-296-9325, or can be found at [www.hartfordfood.org](http://www.hartfordfood.org).